

Appl. No. : 10/698,148
Filed : October 31, 2003

REMARKS

Original Claims 1 through 42 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants intent to pursue the same or similar claims in one or more continuing applications. New Claims 43 through 61 have been added. Applicants believe that none of the foregoing amendments have added new matter to the application.

All of the claims currently pending in the present application are believed to be allowable over the prior art, and such action is earnestly solicited. If, however, any matters remain which could be resolved by Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone so that any such matters can be promptly resolved.

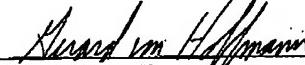
Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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